



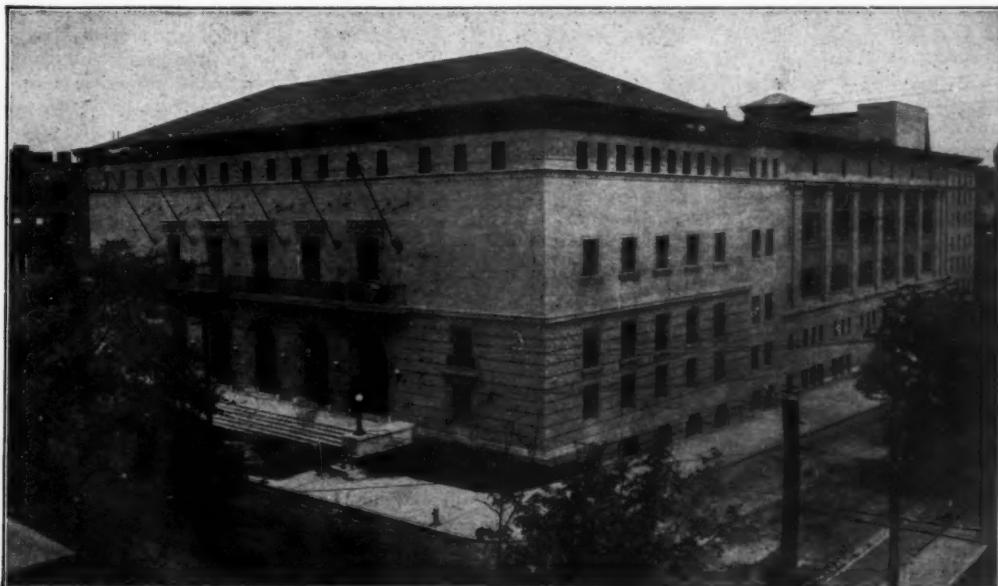
"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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# NOTICES

From the Field

DEAR pastors and brethren: As our state overseer has asked the churches to lift an offering to help their pastors go to the Assembly, now what about the pastors lifting an offering for our overseer. Let us see that he is taken care of at the Assembly. If you can, mail your offering to A. L. Smith, Manns Choice, Pa. Please do this at once.

THE Southwestern States eighth annual convention (colored) will convene Oct. 9-13, 1940, D. V., at New Albany, Miss. Make preparations to attend.—W. L. Ford, overseer, Box 214, Georgiana, Ala.

## Eighteen Churches Built in North Carolina This Assembly Year

I AM in receipt of a letter from Brother E. W. Williams, overseer of North Carolina, in which he states that the

North Carolina camp meeting was a success and much good was accomplished. The mission offering in the state convention doubled the amount of last year's offering. He further states that a building program throughout the state is on, and since last Assembly eighteen churches have been built, or are in the process of being built, a number of which will be brick veneer buildings.

During the months of May and June there were 310 additions to the Church. There were 2,000 coupons for the orphanage brought to the state conven-

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Is now ready for mailing. Rush your orders in at once so we can fill them before the Assembly.—Editor.

tion in North Carolina.

May the dear Lord continue to bless in the work there. May God bless all the faithful efforts you put forth in this work.—Sincerely, J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

## Requests For Prayer

### PRAY FOR—

The healing of my body; our little church.—Mrs. Alma Pernell, Wilbur, W. Va.

My unsaved husband to be saved.—Mrs. T. J. Hayes, Lake Placid, Fla.

My baby and me.—Mrs. Emmie Barrette, Poplar Creek, Miss.

My friends and neighbors to be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Grace Keeney, Rochester, Tex.

My husband's side to be healed, he is afraid he has appendicitis.—Mrs. Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

Me to be healed of a serious eye trouble and eczema; urgent unspoken requests.—Marvel L. Jackson, Silverton, Oregon.

W. R. Henson to be healed of kidney stones and that he will be saved; Shirley Darnell to be healed of kidney trouble.—B. F. Darnell, 404 Clegg, Shelby, N. C.

My son to be healed of chills, he has had his seventeenth; my husband and father to be healed of hay fever; my throat, tonsils, chest and lungs to be healed; us to stand true to God.—Ann McCullough, 679 Tate Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Brother Lonnie Booker to come back to God and to be healed of T. B. and cancer of the throat.—Mrs. L. C. Henderson, 610 E. Wright St., Pensacola, Fla.

The healing of my daughter, that she won't have to have an operation, and that her home may be a Christian home; my loved ones in sin to come to Jesus; me to stay humble.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37B, Lithia, Fla.

Mrs. Willie Wright, Rt. 1, Trion, Ga.; Elbert Whiteside in the Georgia state hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boatner, Rt. 3, Summerville, Ga., who have backslidden, to come back to the Lord, also to be healed.—Rosa Wilson, Trion, Ga.

God to heal my brother who is in the state sanatorium; my mother who is down with heart trouble and other ailments to be healed; God to deliver her of a habit and that she will be sanctified.—Bessie Franklin, Rt. 2, Clarkesville, Ga.

The Lord to heal my hands; my little girl who fell and hurt herself; our home.—Nellie Jernigan, Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Tenn.

Me to be baptized with the Holy Ghost; unspoken request; my family.—P. F. Guyton, Red Springs, N. C.

Me and my loved ones.—Mrs. Pearl McDonald, Watertown, Fla.

The Lord to save my husband and me, we backslid and our home is broken up; the Lord to undertake for our home; my health to be restored. Please pray that I will be saved one more time. Also pray for my four babies. If I could get back to the Lord I would do anything He wants me to do. Encouraging letters will be appreciated.—Atha Williams, 715, Rear, Parker St., Washington, N. C.

God to send a revival here; God to save and fill with the Holy Ghost; unspoken request.—W. E. Blackburn, 1200 W. Valley, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble.—C. C. Worsham, 183 Crumbly St., S. W. Atlanta, Ga.

The healing of my body, I broke the leader in my ankle and it is giving me lots of trouble; my faith to be strong in the Lord; me to be faithful.—Mrs. J. E. Coupee, Hillsboro St., Oxford, N. C.

My children to get saved.—Mollie L. Wilson, 314 W. Kofman St., Paris, Tex.

Me to be healed, I have been a cripple for quite a while; my backslidden husband and unsaved children; me to get to attend service.—Essie Jethro, Rt. 1, Plymouth, N. C.

My little son, N. B., to be saved and healed.—Mrs. T. L. Little, Rt. 1, Plymouth, N. C.

God to heal my brother who has an effected mind and save him.—Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Rt. 4, Box 74, Abbeville, S. C.

The healing of my sick body; my little girl to be healed of a head trouble.—Mrs. E. C. Dedge, Haylow, Ga.

Me to be completely healed; my unsaved children; the church here.—Mrs. Oscar Kincaid, Allais, Ky.

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# My Vision Fulfilled

BY J. T. ROBERTS

**S**EXT: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reappeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal," John 4:35, 36.

Verse 38 of this same chapter, "I sent you to reap that whereon you bestowed no labour." Just read in the Bible or Fox's Book of Martyrs about those saints that came to the end of life's journey, some burning at the stake, some at the chopping block, with the Spirit of God blazing in their souls. One of these saints that died at the chopping block wrote a letter on heroes in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and when he reached his climax, verse 38, and had weighed this world in the scales of God's justice, this is what he said, "Of whom this world was not worthy."

I have been before five courts of this land to face trial for our religious rights, and to get permits to build a place to worship. Not all of these times have been pleasant but in that darkest hour I would read in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews that catalog of heroes, and it would set my soul on fire. There was something that I could grip till God's cause was accomplished.

## MY VISION

In the early part of my Christian experience and call to the ministry, I gave particular attention to the class of people that Jesus was most interested in, the poor blind man begging by the road side, poor woman sick for twelve years and had spent all that she had with the doctors, the man with the legions of devils, and many more, as the New Testament tells of many such cases. That has been nearly fourteen years ago, but that vision I caught going into these places, where sin is as black as night, that same vision still burns on the altar of my soul.

My vision has always called me to the places that it seemed hardly no other minister cared for. Since my call is that way my sweetest victory is when I obey. I could never do what I wanted to on account of finances. I have often told some of our ministers that if I were only financially able, I would like to go into a town and into the slums and preach to the down and outcast at least three or four times a day, giving out tracts, and get that class that never attends church, to see the need of a Savior. Some of my brethren seem to think it wouldn't work.

## AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF FAITH AND PRAYER

This has been one year God has blessed financially to carry out this work.

After two years here at Jacksonville, building a new church, I resigned on condition that if it were God's will to come back, I would come back, but my prayer was that God would make it possible to carry out my vision. I came back from the Assembly and told the people we would take the blackest places of sin in Jacksonville. We would not bank up any surplus tithes, but we would spend it for the salvation of the lost. This was agreed to by the church.

## A LEADER FOR THE PERSONAL WORKERS

I knew a young lady who was an evangelist in the state, a good organizer and one that could not be defeated by the devil, because she was a woman of prayer,



Rev. J. T. Roberts

and the finances came in to take care of her. A pastor can not take care of all the departments of the church, and keep all departments of personal work going. She is known throughout the state of Florida as "Happy Smith." Her first message was in a prison camp. She is happy when she is doing that kind of work. There the fight against the devil started.

## A STATION WAGON

A Ford truck was purchased to carry the personal workers, eight and ten at the time. It has glass sides like a bus. It goes every day somewhere with workers to do some work for the Lord. Of course the leader plans all the trips. We have no excuse about a way to go.

## PERSONAL WORK TAUGHT

As to how to use tracts and a good

spirit to gain the man, woman, boy and girl with whom they are dealing, young workers are instructed by the teacher. It is a great responsibility, because the influence of your church and its good depends on how they act and work on the outside.

## TRACTS

We are nearing the 100,000 mark already, besides the Lighted Pathways and Evangels that have been given away. There is no space to tell what this has done. There is a testimony given in nearly every service by someone who has been blessed.

## SOUND SYSTEM

Every night we have no service at the church we go into a new section of the city and hold open-air services. While we are singing and preaching the personal workers are handing out literature and getting acquainted with new people.

We have a permit to hold these open-air services on any street in the city with a sound track. A fire inspector, just converted, got the permit for us. Some preachers have only two services a week. We don't have enough days in the week to get all our services in.

## SATURDAY CRUSADE

Young men with to-the-point salvation tracts, meet at the bus station and railroad station and hand them out to those just leaving or coming in.

## TRACT HOLDERS

When passing through Jacksonville on bus you'll find "a Church of God Tract Holder" in the bus station. Have one. It has the address of our church on it.

## HOSPITAL WORK

It is practically an everyday job to visit every room. We average a thousand calls or more a month, giving out Christian literature and praying for the sick. Of course that is where we have to use every precaution, so we can continue our work. This past Sunday, a young lady visited our church, who had just been operated on. She was prayed for here in a leading hospital by a personal worker. She gave God the glory for bringing her out alive, and started to church here, being a non-church-goer before.

## JAIL WORK

This is Sunday afternoon, August 4, that I am finishing this article. The personal workers, being grouped by Sister Smith for the afternoon, are in two groups to work the jail, one on one floor and the other on the other.

We never have less than one to five conversions there. Gospels of St. John are given to every prisoner. We do not have space to give all the testimonies of how God works there.

## CONVICT CAMPS

And at the Woman's Farm also, we  
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## Editorially Speaking

### An Educated Ministry

THE great leader and apostle of the Gentile church was the Apostle Paul and it is to his knowledge, craft, technique, and undaunted courage that the earliest spread and general progress of the Church among the Gentiles is due. Paul did not only know the art of evangelism but was possessed of the knowledge to set in order things that were lacking. This was then, as it is now, necessary to conserve and rightly utilize the zeal and powers of the Church. Paul was also a spiritual dietician. He knew how to feed his flock. To the Corinthian church, 1 Cor. 3: 2, he said, "I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."

The Bible contains everything that is necessary unto man's salvation. Within its confines is the proper diet for His flock. It also contains a prescription for a lost world, one which will cure their ills and provide for them an inheritance. It also contains prescriptions for a sick or afflicted church. Therefore, the minister must be acquainted with its contents and know how to rightly apply it as time and occasion may demand.

Paul told Timothy to "study to shew thyself approved." A minister must know something more than his Bible. He must know something of the world and of the people of the world upon whom he is to practice. He should know his church and the disposition of its members. He should know that when one is spiritually ill a chastisement will not cure the disease. It has been said that when European nations run against a political snag the leaders know not what to do for an adjustment, that they blame the whole thing on the Jew and start a wholesale anti-Semitic persecution.

A schoolteacher once visited a holiness church for a Sunday evening service and listened to the pastor's sermon. The pastor, having some difficulty in finding something appropriate, instructive, and beneficial, decided that the trouble was with his church and launched a tirade of persecution against his membership. The next day the schoolteacher asked one of the pastor's influential members, "What on earth have those members been doing? I thought that was a holiness church." (The pastor

had made the statement at the beginning of the service that the holiness people were the best people on earth.) A very bad impression of the leadership of that holiness church was left on the mind of the schoolteacher who visited it.

The pastor must be a spiritual doctor. He must know his patients as well as his medicine cabinet. On one occasion a doctor had left an untrained nurse with a patient who had been quite ill for some time. He gave directions for the giving of the medicine but the one with whom the patient was left did not go exactly by directions and gave the wrong medicine. The consequence was that when the doctor again visited the patient she was dead.

It is plainly to be understood that in the administration of medicine for the body, no medicine at all is better than the wrong kind of medicine. Your Editor thinks that the same thing is true in spiritual administration, that it is better to give nothing than to give the wrong thing. There is no excuse in this country for illiteracy and ignorance in leadership, for God has given us a country filled with schools and good books. Many of the greatest men of America were men who did not have literary opportunities in youth but they made themselves opportunities. They studied by candlelight or by a light made by a lighted string in a saucer of grease. People are not handicapped in this way and manner in these wonderful days of opportunity for books on every subject necessary are available to those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to get knowledge. The Church of God maintains a good Bible School for those who can attend and a correspondence course for those who

cannot. Books that will help one to understand God's Word and to know Him in His creation can be easily obtained. Those who would be leaders should thoroughly prepare themselves and in all their getting get wisdom that they might be able to render unto the Church meat in due season.

### Closing Doors

THIS heading appeared over a short notice in the Pentecostal Evangel of August 31, showing how that in quick succession in the nations of Europe the doors to the gospel have been closed. In Spain and Belgium there has recently been the necessity of withdrawal of missionaries. Pastor and Mrs. Scott, who have been used in a marvelous way among the Catholics of France and Belgium, have had to flee since the Nazis arrived, according to this article, and the appeal is being made on the ground that other doors may soon close and that what is to be done must be done quickly.

The Church of God has been enjoying a wonderful opportunity among the nations of South America as well as in Asiatic countries, but just how long this open-door policy will continue we do not know. It is true that we are living in the evening time and according to prophecy there shall be light but immediately after that light of evening comes a great darkness upon the earth and the night comes when no man can work.

The enthusiasm of the Church of God relative to her mission work has been great but it must not at this time retard its progress in this field. According to Brother Ingram's letters the countries of Brazil and Argentina are wide open and with outstretched arms are begging for the Church of God and for Church of God missionaries to open up and organize and maintain a work there. These calls from hungry hearts for food in the time of famine, for satisfaction and comfort in the time

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# Praying Through Hard Places

BY L. P. ADAMS

THE Bible saints knew the value of prayer. Places and times were set apart for prayer. They erected altars of prayer. Prayer was their leading ministry in service. They made sacrifices of thanksgiving and called on the name of the Lord in one accord. (Acts 4:23-31.) They never talked defeat, nor saw an impossibility! (Acts 12:1-24.) James was in the grave, Peter was in prison, and the Church of God was in Mary's house praying, and the angel was on his way to the prison in answer to prayer to bring Peter out! Hallelujah! What a wonder!

The Church was not saying prayers, nor reading prayers, nor preaching about prayer, nor writing about prayer,—the Church was praying in the Holy Ghost in Mary's house. Both ends of the prayer line were busy—the sending and the receiving. Prayer was sent in haste. Only one night to do business! Peter must be brought the next day before Herod the king. Peter was taking a little rest, the Church still insisting on his release. The power was present. They did not ask for habeas corpus, they asked for a live man! They had it settled that when St. Peter was set free, the prayer meeting was closed. My! what a church!

As the king sat upon his throne the next day, and made an oration unto the people, and they gave a shout, saying, it is the voice of a god, immediately the angel of the Lord smote him because he gave not God the glory, and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. But the Word of God grew and multiplied. That is the result of the Church praying in one accord. They prayed, and God answered and removed the hard place.

Under Queen Mary of England, the Scotch Church was held under her vicious hand, John Knox, a reformer, prayed at midnight in his garden, "Give me Scotland or I die." She died soon after, and Scotland was free. Before her death she said, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than the armies of Europe." Brethren, I feel like praying! What do you say about it?

There are victories that will not come only by united prayer. There are hard places which will yield to no power but prayer. "Power from on high" yields to no touch but the touch of mighty united intercession. Anything can be done by the prayer of faith. It is the greatest force on earth today. Hindering forces of evil DO give way to persistent, intensified prayer.

Many years ago there was a mother in Somerville, N. J., whose son, a young

man, had begun to lead a desolute life. One evening she begged him not to spend the evening away from her, but he declared that he would. He said, "Mother, I am not going to be tied to your apron string, I am going to go." The mother replied, "Please try to remember that every moment tonight until you come back I am going to be on my knees asking God to save you." The son, with a rude gesture and unuttered oath, rushed from her presence and spent the night in a shameful carousal. It was four o'clock in the morning when he got home. He had managed to keep his mother out of his mind during his revelry. As he got to the house he saw a light shining through the shutters. Looking in he saw his mother on her knees and heard her praying, "God, save my wandering boy." Going to his room he threw himself on his bed but could not sleep. After a while he arose, then knelt down, and it seemed to him that Christ's power proceeded from a room where his wrestling mother was pleading with God, and it led him to cry out, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." That very morning he was saved. The news of his salvation soon spread and in three weeks from that time more than two hundred young people had been converted. This young man was the father of D. T. DeWitt Talmage.

## Obituaries

### WHITE

Mamie Louise White, daughter of Howard and Ruby White of Foster Falls, Va., departed this life April 25, 1939; age one year, five months and six days.—Myrtle Viars.

### YOUNG

Brother Foster Young, a member of the Church of God at Knoxville, Tenn., passed away May 19, 1940; age fifty-eight years.—Mrs. Florida McLain, Knoxville, Tenn.

### PORWOOD

Sister Sarah M. Portwood, a faithful member of the Church of God at Cincinnati, Ohio, departed this life July 26, 1940; age fifty-nine years, one month and twenty-four days.—Sister R. Huff.

### HACKNEY

Chester Hackney, son of Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Hackney, departed this life

Aug. 17, 1940; age nineteen years.—Rev. W. G. Pearson, Altoona, Ala.

### HICKS

Frank Hicks, infant son of Brother and Sister Hicks, departed this life April 23, 1940; age five months and five days.—W. G. Pearson, Altoona, Ala.

### CURTSINGER

On Aug. 2, 1940 God sent his angels to bear our dear Sister Curtsinger to glory. She was a faithful member, also minister, of the Church of God. She was thirty-four years of age. She leaves her husband, Rev. E. T. Curtsinger, pastor at Ada, Okla., two children, many relatives and friends.—One who loved her and a sister minister, Mrs. S. J. Wood.

### CONNER

C. H. Conner of Crestview, Tenn., departed this life Aug. 16, 1939; age fifty-five years. His bereaved wife and children thank the many friends for their prayers and kindness during his illness and death.—His daughter, Mrs. Iva Griggs, Rt. 1, Leoma, Tenn.

### Our Savior

Jesus is so dear to me; I'd like to tell His worth,  
He is the closest friend a man could have on earth.  
He gave His blood to save us, His grace can set us free;  
He sent His Holy Spirit to calm both you and me.

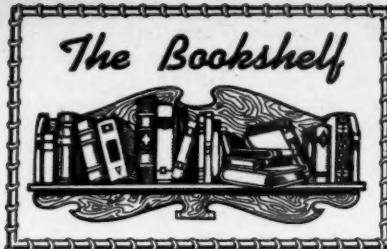
There are many times that trouble tries hard to check our peace  
But then the Holy Spirit strives more to bring release;  
Can't you hear Him whisper softly,  
"Look up, dear one, to me,  
I am the forgiving Savior who will cast your sins into the sea"?

Do you ever feel discouraged, sometimes far away from God?  
Pray and ask God for deliverance, He can lift the chastening rod.  
Come, let's get a little nearer, read the good Book every day;  
In it we will find Him dearer as we tread the narrow way.

Some folks look to evolution; others think that "isms" right,  
But by reading from my Bible I'm determined Christ is light.  
Now the ones who see are different, after He has entered in,  
So you see through sanctification we can serve Him free from sin.

Some people just tell white lies; others their neighbors hate,  
Yet they attend the steeple churches, saying "we" are out of date.

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ONE of the most wonderful books for scriptural knowledge and spiritual inspiration that I have read in many years is the book *STREAMS IN THE DESERT* by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman. The book has a chapter for each day in the year.

The wonderful passage of scripture selected is illustrated with timely happenings, poems and explanations. I know of no other publication that covers such a ground. It leads the child of God into green pastures and keeps him, is the thought constantly in mind, that the Lord is his shepherd even in weary ways and when heavy shadows fall. It lets the light of sunshine in.

Companion books of *STREAMS IN THE DESERT* are *SPRINGS IN THE VALLEY* and *CONSOLATION*. These are written in somewhat the same style as *STREAMS IN THE DESERT*. They are later books, however, and have added material or different material to that which is in *STREAMS IN THE DESERT*. The same spirit of inspiration and glory is found through these books. Any of these may be had from

**THE CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE** at the price of \$1.50 each, postpaid.



#### Good Time Had July 4

**B**ARREN SPRINGS, Va.—Our district overseer, Brother Berry, wife and children, our pastor, Brother John Dalton, and wife, and the dear saints here enjoyed a wonderful day July 4. Brother Berry preached for us. The power of God was manifested through his message. Two were added to the church. We thank God for our good pastor, Brother John Dalton. Pray for us here at Barren Springs.—Myrtle Viars.

#### Illinois State Y. P. E. and Sunday School Convention

THE state Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention convened at Eldorado, Ill., August 16-18. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way. Delegates were there from every district in the state and some from Arkansas and Indiana. We were glad to have the state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent of Indiana, Brother Dietz, with us. The mayor of Eldorado, Orbra Giles, welcomed us to the city and allowed us to have a big parade Saturday afternoon through town. Our young ministers were at their best and our souls were fed by their good messages. There was plenty of good special singing. We have some real talented young people in the state of Illinois and we're really moving forward.

Our offerings in the convention amounted to \$58.83. Our increase in Y. P. E. in the state ranges from fifty per cent on some points to two hundred per cent on others. We're after that national banner. Come on, young people of Illinois, WE CAN WIN. Our state slogan is, "Each for all and all for God." Our state song is "Precious Lord, Hold My Hand."—Rev. Leonard Newton, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, 501 S. McClelland, West Frankfort, Ill.

#### Healed Through Prayer

**P**ARIS, Tex.—God healed me after I had lain at death's door so long. I was not able to sit up all day for three months. I did not want to get well, I had such grand experiences while I was sick. Some of the folks wrote to the Evangel for prayer for I got letters from twelve different states and one from India. I thank everyone who prayed for me and sent anointed cloths. I did not think I ever could preach again, but have held one meeting and helped in another. I have preached twenty times since I got up. Pray that I will know what God spared me for and I will try to do it, then I can go on to my home I have worked for so long. It is a job to try to sit down and stay alone after going as long as I have, but I can pray for all who can go. We had a wonderful camp meeting this year at Weatherford. The grand messages were food to my soul.

The Lord has been my healer for forty-five years. He has healed me of double pneumonia,—well, everything I have had since the time I started to trust Him.

I still have a few of my books. I have put them down to 40c each or three for \$1.00, postpaid. I have a few more at Cleveland. Order from there if you like. —Mollie L. Wilson, 314 W. Kofman St.

The greatest preachers we have ever had are those whose lives make a good background for their sermons.

#### Question Box

**Q**uestion: When Jesus comes to earth to reign for one thousand years, will the Holy City, New Jerusalem, then come to earth, or will it be after the earth is made new, which we find recorded in Rev. 21:1-4?—E. P. D.

**A**nswer: The question asked is not only a question but is answered. The Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, will be at the end of the millennium when we have a new heaven and new earth.

**Q**uestion: Will there be any redemption after the Church is raptured? If so, when will they be raptured? Please give me scripture.—T. H.

**A**nswer: Yes, there will be thousands redeemed after the rapture of the Church. The 144,000 Jews which are to be sealed during the tribulation are sealed after the Church has already been raptured. See Rev. 7. Some think that the sun-clothed woman of Rev. 17 represents Israel, and the man-child the 144,000 which are sealed out of Israel, and that this 144,000 will be raptured during the tribulation period.

**Q**uestion: "Of him that taketh away thy goods, ask them not again." Luke 6:30. Does this mean steal?—R. D.

**A**nswer: The illustrations that Jesus used to show the walk of a Christian, were in the extreme, that is, the very most rigid ones were used so as to make the deepest impression upon His hearers. The whole story was summed up in the life of Jesus Himself. When He was reviled, He reviled not again, and speaking of Him according to James 5:6, "Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you," so the paramount teaching is that the just do not resist.

**Q**uestion: Please give us your thought on the different orders of the resurrection as spoken of in 1 Cor. 15:41. Will all of them be in the first resurrection? Please help me out on this.—O. L. C.

**A**nswer: The 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians is called the Resurrection chapter. It was written not to show the different orders of the resurrection or different resurrections, but to refute the Sadducee doctrine that there was no resurrection of the dead, and establish the fact founded upon the resurrection of Christ, the resurrection of all men. The 39th, 40th, and 41st verses of the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians show that man is a terrestrial body. The flesh of beasts and fishes and birds, etc., as recorded in

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# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## GUATEMALA AND THE STORY OF CHUCE

MORE than twenty years ago Rev. C. T. Furman and his wife, Carrie, went as missionaries to the little country of Guatemala, C. A. Their arriving was



*Chuce*

not hailed with gladness by those to whom they are carrying the greatest message on earth, but rather on the contrary, fear, suspicion, and hatred was the spirit with which they were greeted, and an apostate church had warned the people against any who came (evangelists), that to go their meetings or listen to them would possibly bring sickness and death upon those who were guilty. According to the words of Brother Furman, "Strongholds of the powers of darkness systematically fortified against the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by idolatrous Roman Catholic pretensions built upon the foundations of age-old pagan idolatry, superstitions, witchcraft, ignorance, and fanaticism." But the call had come to Brother and Sister Furman and they dared not refuse.

The story of their twenty years' work in the Mayan highlands of Guatemala is certainly a beautiful story. Their work in conversions was very low but finally, having broken into the hearts of a few of the natives, who in turn felt the call to carry the glad message that they themselves had received, a fire was kindled that began to sweep through the highlands. The story tells of some of these missionaries; a Brother Pullin who

worked shoulder to shoulder with the Furmans; Don Jose Enriquez who attended the Assembly in 1938, a native missionary who has been of no small help to the Furmans; Don Carlos, another native missionary, to whom great credit is to be given for the great work done there; Obispo Lacan, a native convert who also dedicated his life to the ministry of the Word among his own people.

There are now more than twenty Churches of God dotting the Mayan highlands of Guatemala. A brief story of the work required in bringing into existence this wonderful work is told in the first part of the little booklet now on the press at the Church of God Publishing House. The latter part of this booklet tells the beautiful story of Chuce, whose picture is shown with this article. Chuce was a little Indian boy adopted by the Furmans and reared in the way of truth and right, taught against the evils of an apostate church and given the privilege of all of those wonderful things contained in the Word of God which frees and liberates men.

We take from the words of Brother



*One of our girls in Totonicapan*

Furman that the little Indian boy was not wanted at first for one day this is what he asked Carrie, "How would you like to have a little Indian boy?" I had asked Carrie that question with confi-

dent assumption, but her answer was disconcerting. 'I don't want a little Indian boy,' was her answer. And so the next few days were passed with uneasy misgivings on my part, for the boy's father, an Indian from another department, had



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met me in Totonicapan and had offered to give me his little boy and, although I had not yet seen the little fellow, I had accepted him and arrangements were forthwith made to deliver him to me on my next trip to Totonicapan."

Brother Furman did not allow his discouragement to cause him to cancel the obligation he had made with the Indian man. He tells of how he met the Indian father and obtained the little fellow who walked along by his side and as they became acquainted they became good comrades. They arrived home late, put the horse away, and slipped into the house. Brother Furman says, "hoping that Carrie would be sleeping and explanations put off until morning. But she heard us and coming out to see who was making the conversation, she looked down into two large wistful brown eyes which seemed to say: 'Here I am. What are you going to do with me?'" The rest of the story is very fascinating. Chuce has grown up to be a man now with God's blessings upon his life.

The words "Guatemala and the Story of Chuce" is a booklet giving in brief twenty years of work of Brother and Sister Furman in Guatemala and the beautiful story of their adopted son. It can be bought at the Church of God Publishing House for 25c postpaid.

# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

*An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

LONDON, August 22. — Sir Oliver Lodge, the eminent scientist, inventor, and spiritualist, died Thursday at 89, going on to what he had called merely one more adventure and leaving behind a sealed message announcing his plan to communicate from infinity with those on earth. Sir Oliver, who died as unafraid as he had lived among the mighty mysteries that have troubled mankind through all centuries, promised when he handed over the message: "When the right people are sitting with the medium, I shall try to give them a message. But it might take as long as a year. I shall not get anything done in a hurry." "There are no dead in the graveyard. Do not be afraid of death since there is no extinction." Another eminent scientist has faced his Maker. Sir Oliver Lodge was known far and wide as a believer in peoples of the earth having the power to communicate with the dead and to hold sensible, articulate conversations with them. He claimed to the last that he and his son, Raymond, who was killed in the war, were constant companions and that they communicated frequently by word of mouth. This page has said before that it would be staggering to the average mind to realize how many millions there are today who practice spiritism. The world is being deluded so rapidly that we urge the possessors of the one and true faith to contend earnestly for it.

THE Jewish farmers, engineers, builders and others who have gone to Palestine, have made that arid land blossom as the rose." Thus says the TIMES STAR in reporting a conference of Orthodox Jews held at Cincinnati in late August. "Last year, for instance, they produced 18,000,000 boxes of oranges." So said the delegate from Jerusalem, S. R. Travis, "I have lived for five years in Palestine and what I saw there convinced me that in their old homeland around Jerusalem the Jews are setting an example which should help save the confused and modern warring world. Seeing the blossoming fields of Palestine, I was convinced that here the Jews are giving an economic and spiritual example that, if followed, will save the world from hate and restore it to love. In dry and arid Palestine water must be brought to the field by ir-

rigation and many fine irrigation projects have been carried out. Now another great project has been launched—a 20-inch pipe that will be laid 45 miles, carrying into the country water from the big well that supplies Jerusalem." Yes, the word of the most high God will inevitably be fulfilled. The Palestinian desert shall yet blossom as the rose. Its beauty will be indescribable for there shall be the seat of the ruler of the world. "All nations shall flow unto it." The terrible persecutions of the Jews in other lands will cause them to turn their faces to the land of their fathers.

AS we gather in Chattanooga for our Annual Assembly, and rejoice and give thanks for the gains made, it might be wise to consider the following information gleaned from READER'S DIGEST for September, 1940: "In 1939 there WERE MORE CONVERTS TO CATHOLICISM THAN EVER BEFORE IN AMERICA. THEY NUMBERED 73,677, ONE-THIRD OF THE CHURCH'S MEMBERSHIP GAINS FOR THE YEAR." Dr. Stanley, noted preacher, author, and lecturer, is authority for the above startling information. Dr. High says further that "CATHOLIC CONVERTS IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE INCREASED EVERY YEAR FOR THE PAST TEN. SINCE 1930 THE TOTAL HAS NEARLY DOUBLED." Dr. High related how in Winchester, Tennessee, the Romanists have entered upon a campaign and are meeting with success in that fundamentalist, Protestant belt. The Paulist Fathers have six personable young priests working there in thirteen counties, seven days and nights a week. "With showmanship, salesmanship, and an abundance of good will, they have made themselves and Catholicism popular." "Fifty years from now these hills," said Father Cunningham, "may be peopled largely by Catholics. THAT IS WHY WE WORK HARDEST WITH THE CHILDREN." It occurs to me that the above information is, to say the least, alarming. To think, under the very noses of the leaders of the Church of God, in Tennessee's hills, they are able to gain such a foothold. God help the Tennessee min-

istry of the Church of God to raise the standard of a knowable, workable, shoutable, tellable, full salvation. God help them to help the people understand that since that day when the veil of the temple was rent in twain, that man needs no earthly priest to stand between him and his God. Our High Priest is at the right hand of God to make intercession for us.

READER'S DIGEST for September carries the following information: "Today ten million of our people are unemployed; eighteen million are on relief; taxes are breaking the backs of those who have jobs. Agriculture is propped up with government subsidies. The initiative and enterprise of our industrialists and merchants are confused and weakened. Our national income is about twenty-five billion dollars less annually than it should be and in consequence one-third of our people are living below decent standards." "Perilous times." "Distress of nations."

WALTER LIPPmann, noted publicist, in a recent article painted a very gloomy future for America and the world in the event Hitler wins the present war. His main contention is that America will be doomed to ignominious defeatism due to our inability to do business with a dictator-controlled Europe. His article was, in the main, a plea for immediate aid to England, such aid to consist of immediate delivery of war materials. Neither Lippmann nor any other man of note paints what might be termed a rosy future. Even in America we see "distress of nation."

THE writer on Sunday, August 25, heard a noted preacher from Edinburgh, Scotland, discussing the church and the present war. His message was transmitted by radio from this seat of Scottish art and culture. He bluntly said that Hitler, Mussolini, and other dictators were directed and controlled in their every move by the spirit of antichrist. He counselled all Christians, therefore, to arm themselves and do battle against the enemy of God. I can understand this preacher's attitude. However, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. The world

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# \*\*\*\*\* State Conventions \*\*\*\*\*

## Oklahoma State Convention and Camp Meeting

THE Oklahoma state convention and camp meeting is in the past, but the memories will live on. There was no lull, it was better and better from the first service until the last one. Quite a number received an experience of salvation, also were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Brother Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, arrived Thursday afternoon. All departments of the Church were well represented, the L. W. W. B. Thursday afternoon, Sunday School work Friday afternoon, Y. P. E. Saturday afternoon, all of which had good programs, besides the good reports relative to each. Questions and answers were also an enjoyable phase of the convention. In addition to all this were the good messages from time to time. Reporting of the churches by districts was grand. Several new churches were in the reporting this year. There were above forty preachers in attendance, several of whom were new preachers that came in sometime this year. Brother Johnson's messages were wonderful. Sunday was a glorious day until the final benediction at 2:00 p. m. A wonderful message closed with an orphanage offering, followed by the mission funds together with the mission offering taken Saturday, which amounted to \$276.00, very near three times as much as any previous state convention mission offering. During the last great day we grouped ourselves for a picture.—Hazel Pippin, Lawton, Okla.

## Mississippi State Convention

ON AUG. 1, 1940, at 7:30 p. m., through the courtesy of the citizens of Eupora, Miss., we were privileged to gather in the auditorium of the Eupora High School for the annual Mississippi state convention. The convention was called to order by the state overseer, J. L. Dorman. Immediately after the song service, Colonel Scott, a very prominent attorney of Eupora, was introduced by Brother Dorman to give a welcome address. Some very timely thoughts were brought to light by Col. Scott, one of which is well worth remembering. Col. Scott said, "The Church of God is raised up by God to take the place of the churches that are substituting 'mechanical religion' for 'true religion.'" Mr. Harkdale, mayor of Eupora, was the second speaker of the evening. He also gave the visiting people a rousing welcome. Responses were made by Brothers S. B. Webb, L. A. Harville, and J. C. Ray. Following these responses an introduction of the new preachers of the state was made. They are A. O. Stewart, formerly of Virginia, P. V. Lord, of Florida, and Clarence Berton, also of Virginia. The message of the evening was brought by Brother L. Sparkman Cooper.

Friday afternoon we had the call of the district. During this service we were very much pleased with the arrival of Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, Brother H. L. Chesser, overseer of Alabama, and Brother J. B. Ellis, one of

the most dearly beloved of all aged ministers.

Others bringing messages during the convention were W. L. Sharp, R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, T. W. Godwin, our former state overseer, J. W. Garey, Dewitt C. Sharpe, Bascom Stanley, Arlie Dorman, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Sister Mary Dearman, T. G. Pearson, Alabama Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, C. H. Gardner, J. B. Ellis of Alabama, J. L. Dorman, H. L. Chesser, P. V. Lord, A. O. Stewart, C. G. Edwards, Horace Taylor, D. L. Barnett.

Friday evening the Y. P. E. program was given. An increase in all parts of this work was reported. Some interesting talks were also given in regard to the Bible Training School by different ones.

Saturday morning the statistical report was given by the state overseer. Sunday morning we had the Sunday School program under the direction of Arlie Dorman, state superintendent. At eleven o'clock a message on missions was delivered by Brother Johnson after which an offering of \$100.00 was received.

As we listened to the benediction we were made to feel happy for the opportunity of having attended the best convention ever known in the state of Mississippi. We wish to express our appreciation for the attendance of every visiting minister and friend. Please continue to pray for us down in the good old Magnolia state, Mississippi.—J. Paul Dorman, Hattiesburg, Miss.

## Texas Camp Meeting

MEMORIES, precious memories, how they linger! The Texas camp meeting has come and gone like all other past



Oklahoma State Convention at Maud, Okla.

events, but oh, it leaves memories of blessings untold. To recall to mind the camp meeting is to be blessed anew. A large crowd was there from the beginning to the end. Hungry souls travelled across hundreds of miles of Texas soil to attend this annual feast and went away refreshed, filled and refilled. Praise God! There were people from the Valley, on the border of Old Mexico, to the panhandle, the northernmost part of Texas; from the western plains to the hills of east Texas. There were people from Arizona, Florida, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and no doubt from other states of which we have no record. Such fellowship of the great God of heaven and one another! It was worth every effort put forth and every penny spent to get there.

Besides the sermons of joy, reproof, doctrine, and salvation, by our much-loved Assistant General Overseer, the principle speaker, and other good ministers from within and without the state, a mission offering which amounted to more than \$700.00 was given. This and our district offering would be more than \$1,000. The Church is growing in this state under the leadership of our dear Brother H. N. Scoggins. We are thankful for a good state overseer. — E. M. Smith, Houston, Tex.

#### Minnesota State Convention

THE Minnesota state convention convened at Pelican Rapids, Minn., August 2-4, Rev. J. J. Kisser, state overseer, in charge. The welcome address was given by Rev. A. L. Derry.

Singing was rendered throughout the convention by the Olson Trio, Miller Quartet, Needham Trio, Violette Olson, soloist, Boham sisters, and others. Brother Duley Sorf played a few selections on his mouth organ and Hawaiian guitar.

The presence of God was felt in a great way throughout the entire convention. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Rev. J. L. Goins, state overseer of Iowa. He spoke each night and on Sunday morning during the mission service. He surely is a fine speaker, a real man of God, Holy Ghost anointed.

Saturday afternoon was Y. P. E. day. All the Y. P. E.'s of the state put on a fine program which consisted of songs, pieces, reports from each Y. P. E. leader and a message by Violette Olson, state Y. P. E. president. An offering for our orphans was brought in by each Y. P. E. of the state. Other fiery speakers heard during the convention were Brother Derry, Brother Harry Johnson, Brother Folden, Brother Davis, Brother Van Dorn and Brother Hess.

Visiting pastors from out-of-the-state were: Brother Davis of Iowa, Brother Folden of Iowa, Brothers Lowe and A. Ewell of North Dakota.

The convention closed Sunday night with a Holy Ghost inspired message by Rev. J. L. Goins, "Signs in the Heavens or

under the blood and has given me joy and glory and has helped us to win the victory in many revivals this year.

In the month of April Sister Myrtle Whitehead and I went to Greensboro, N. C., for a revival. Brother John L. Stephens is pastor there. This was a wonderful revival. The Holy Ghost was there for several nights, no one preached. About twenty were saved and sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Seven came into the church.

At the close of our state convention in South Carolina, we began a revival in the city of Anderson, S. C., where Brother J. C. Childers is pastor. This revival was a great success. It was truly wonderful to see the power of God falling and sinners running to the altar. Twenty were saved, eighteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church, and sixteen baptized in water.

Our next revival started August 3 in Augusta, Ga. We praise the Lord for this three weeks' revival under the old gospel tent. Large crowds attended every night. People attended this revival who had never heard holiness preached. Eighteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. A beautiful brick veneer church is going up in Augusta. There are certainly some fine people there who have a mind to work. Brother W. C. Kennedy is their pastor.

We are beginning a revival in Valdosta August 29. Please pray for the success of this meeting, that many souls will find Jesus.—Evangelist Pauline Jackson, Walhalla, S. C.

#### Appreciates Prayers of the Saints

UGUSTA, Ga. — Greetings to the Evangel family everywhere. May God bless each one of His little ones in every nook and corner of the earth.

I thank everyone who responded to my request some time ago in the Evangel. I appreciate every word of prayer that was uttered for me. I thank God, too, that He heard prayer for me and I am so much better than I have been. My kidney trouble is some better. I still suffer some pain but I believe God is healing me. All the other troubles are much better. Praise the Lord.

I ask a special interest in all the saints' prayers that God will give me perfect soundness of body, if it could be His will. Pray that I will always be faithful and true till He comes or calls for me.

Please pray for my two unsaved sisters and brother and their families.—Fannie Duncan, Rt. 1.

Many things have been said that would have been better to have left unsaid, and many things could have been said that were left unsaid that could have proved a great blessing and possibly changed a destiny.



VIOLETTE OLSON  
Minnesota State Y. P. E. and S. S. Supt.

the Gospel in the Stars." The time for handshakes and good-byes came all too soon it seemed, but it was a great convention and we thank God for our state



New Church at Herman, Minn.,  
Violette Olson, leader

overseer and his good wife who have worked with us so faithfully.—Violette M. Olson, Box 486, Herman, Minn.

#### Victory Won in Revivals This Year

IT has been some time since I have written to the Evangel and given a report of our work. I still have the victory in my soul and love the Lord supremely. I praise the Lord because in His infinite love and tender mercy He has kept me

# \*\*\*\*\* Reports From the Field \*\*\*\*\*

**L**AFOLLETTE, Tenn.—We are glad to report general success at LaFollette. We dedicated our new church building Aug. 11, 1940, which was a great day for us. Brother Jernigan, our state overseer, delivered the dedicatory sermon. The service was so inspiring that it made many friends for the church. Those in charge of the music were Sophia Broyles of LaFollette, the Cupp sisters and Brother Lingerfelt of Jellico. Brothers W. O. Baird, Lingerfelt, and Andrew McCullah were the visiting speakers of the evening. We realize the success of this day was made possible by the co-operation of the church and its pastor, Brother Baxter Bryant. Remember us in your prayers.—Ruth Baird.

**T**YRONZA, Ark.—After a run of 536 miles through five states, wife and I arrived here by the abundant grace of God (2 Cor. 9:8) in Christ by the will of God, to preach Christ in the Church of God with power.

In the first service the Holy Word of God was most precious and every heart was tender and tears told the effect of His gentleness in our midst—showing the "saintly confidence" all had in each other. When they saw us leaving the train, some ran (men, women and children) one hundred yards or more to welcome us. All eyes showed the hearty welcome and our own hearts leaped for joy. Such love cannot be manifested nor "worked up" and is not "carnal zeal."—L. P. Adams.

**T**O the Evangel readers everywhere, greetings. It pleases the dear Lord that I am able to report to you the goodness of our Lord to me. I still have the determination to make my way along with my crosses as we can see the enemies are pressing on God's children more than ever. I do need the prayers of God's children. Call my name to the Lord for I am weary of trouble. When I think of this great world war, my prayer is that the Lord will soon tell all men to put up their war tools and fight no more. I am an evangelist carrying the Word for the Lord.—J. T. Musgrove, Jamaica, B. W. I.

**I**PRAISE God for His great love and mercy and for the way He is working in this state. We have had a struggle here in Maine. Our state overseer and his good wife, Brother and Sister G. M. Bloomingdale, have worked hard. His wife is the music teacher and is on the go most all the time. The work is doing fine. We

had an all-day meeting in July at South Orland, Me. Brother Bloomingdale brought the message and the Lord was with us in a great way. In the evening we took the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The power of God was there in a great way. Brother Howard Davis is the pastor there. He hopes to organize a church soon. There is a new church building and good people.

Praise God for what He is doing in Maine. God is with us and if He be for us who can be against us. Praise God! God healed me of a nervous breakdown this year. I praise Him for that. Brother Howard Davis is a wonderful man of God; he and his good wife are working hard. I ran three revivals on his district this year. God blessed us all together in a great way. The writer is in a meeting here in Portland now. Pray much for the success of the meeting.

We have spent sleepless nights over the work, for we have had it on our heart. There are new fields opened up for the Church of God this year. We are willing to spend and be spent for this great cause. Breathe a prayer for your brothers and sisters in Maine.—Sister Emma Newman, 227 Federal St., Portland, Me.

**W**HHEELWRIGHT, Ky.—Last Sunday, August 18, was home-coming at Wheelwright. We had a good time in the Lord. We had several speakers from various places; the talks were enjoyed very much, also the good dinner which the folks brought out. We had communion and feet washing Sunday night with the Lord's blessings. We also had the privilege of having Brother Hicks, state overseer, with us part of last week. Brother Hicks brought his chart along and gave us some very interesting and beneficial talks on prophecy. We enjoyed Brother Hicks' stay with us very much. His talks helped us to realize more definitely that the coming of our Lord is really very near, and made us feel a more urgent need to keep our lamps trimmed and burning brightly and waiting upon the Lord.

We won the Sunday School banner for last month, which is something for Wheelwright. We have put on a contest and it is certainly helping build up the attendance. We also have a good Y. P. E. which is growing just fine. A revival began August 26 with Brother and Sister Pitts of Blue Diamond. Pray a special prayer that this will be a real soul-saving station. We have a wonderful pastor now. Brother and Sister Stilwell surely have been a blessing to us since they have been

here. We need your prayers.—Mrs. J. H. Brock, clerk.

**P**OUNDING MILL, Va.—I praise God for what I feel in my soul, for saving and sanctifying me about a year ago. Thank God, He is still saving people here at Shannon. Two were filled with the Holy Ghost here week before last, for which we thank the Lord.—George Fowl-

**H**OBBS, N. Mex.—Our Y. P. E. has grown from twenty-five members to almost a hundred in six weeks. Our pastor, Brother W. M. Ford, and wife are at the head of our Y. P. E. and have really encouraged us to do more for the Lord in this city. Remember us in your prayers.—Sister Gladys Gunn.

**R**ABURN GAP, Ga.—The Mountain City church is glad to praise the Lord for the new church. We give Brother J. F. Brown, our old pastor, the honor for it as we feel like he was the cause of our having this new church.—William Alexander, R. F. D. 1.

**V**ICTOR, Colorado.—We praise God for victory in Victor, Colo. In June we had Brother Earl L. M. Schultz of Roswell, N. Mex., with us. Brother Schultz is a very able minister and well liked in this community. The church was greatly encouraged and edified to go on to the mark. Then in July we had Brother J. B. Jones and family with us who did much good.

Brother H. E. Ramsey, our beloved state overseer, was with us the first week in August. The Ramsey Band rendered some soul-stirring music. Some people here said they had never heard such beautiful and wonderful music. Brother Ramsey preached some Spirit-filled messages, the influence of them will never die. We set the church in order August 11 with eight true-blue saints. Praise God we have great prospects in this little community.

Brother O. K. Fewell, pastor of the Church of God in LaJunta, Colo., is going on with the revival. One was saved and one sanctified the last two nights and some are earnestly seeking the baptism.

We are making arrangements for two carloads of saints from Colorado to come to the great Assembly. People are hungry for the truth in this state. Colorado is one of the most wonderful states in the Union and I do not know of a better prospect for the Church of God. I have traveled over the state a good deal to the different churches and I have never heard anyone say an ill word against Brother Ramsey or the Church of God. We surely have the respect of the business people in Colorado. I feel sure that everyone who

has met Brother Ramsey or even heard of him and the Ramsey Band want them back in this state next year, and we are fervently praying to that end. We need your prayers in Colorado, for we are determined to see the Church of God go over the top in Colorado.—Clarke E. Goodman, Box 473.

#### **Successful Year on Bluefield, Va., District**

TRULY we can say this has been another successful year of progress on the Bluefield, Va., district, perhaps not so much for what we have done, but for His mercy honoring those who have contributed to the success of the work on this district.

We have built one new church at Dumfordtown which is not fully completed yet, but they had their first service in it Sunday, August 18, and we have some more that perhaps will be well under way by the Assembly. Brother G. C. Smith conducted a very successful revival at Bluefield, Va., and we have organized a church there with several members and are on the move to build a nice church house there soon. Brother Snyder of North Carolina is there now in a tent revival. Brother W. T. Morefield, of Pulaski, came over and gave us about a three weeks' revival at Abbs Valley. In this revival there were about eight saved, four sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water and three added to the church, with more to come in later. The church here at Abbs Valley is much on fire for the Lord and moving on. This is a new place; we built a nice new church last year under much opposition, but thank the Lord we will soon have our church debt paid off by His help.

We appreciate all of the good ministers who have labored with us this year on the district. They are: Pastors, Elgin Elswick, Haskel Stout, G. C. Smith, J. C. Hanks; evangelists, B. O. Graybeal, the Boich sisters, H. B. Statum, W. T. Morefield, Sister Sallie Hearn, Marvin Jones and wife, Brother Elmer Franklin, Brothers A. W. Brummett and W. H. Ward, and all others whom I can't recall at this time. May the richest blessings of the dear Lord continue to be upon you, if I shouldn't be privileged to work with you again.

We greatly appreciate our good state overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson. Our labor with him surely has been pleasant. Our churches are most all over the top on all quotas and rulings of the Assembly and, lest I forget, I mention the nice brief case which was presented to me at our state convention for a district convention mission offering exceeding any in the state. Thanks.—A. J. Cox, district pastor, Falls Mills, Va.

CORBIN, Ky.—Praise God for victory in my soul. Praise Him for our pastor this year, Brother Ivan Stone. He has been a faithful pastor, worked hard, cried, fasted and prayed for the church here and I'll say for the whole church, both young and old, we love him for his faithfulness and loving kindness to all of us. He has been so faithful and willing to visit in our homes and pray for us when we were sick. I believe he has done everything he could to make this church grow and, best of all, he has really lived the life before everyone.

We are getting along fine here; everyone loves each other and we are all willing and ready to help each other at any time. Pray for us that we will never fail each other and be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. G. M. McDonald.

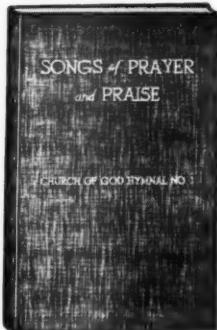
ROCHESTER, Tex.—We praise God for what He is to us. We praise Him for the new converts He has given here this year. We love our Sunday School superintendent, our Y. P. E. president and our dear pastor and family. We believe they have the work at heart.—Grace Keeney.

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# Notes of Praise

## **More Determined**

MULGA, Ala.—I am a member of the Church of God and am so glad. I just want Jesus to come quickly and take His children out of this sinful world. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. I am glad for a home of prayer, for God's goodness to us. Glory to God. I heard Brother Kutz and Brother Franklin sing over the radio and it was a blessing to me. I received a letter from John Morgan, eighteen years old, of Candler, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 308, which made me be more determined to stay humble at the cross. He says he read my testimony in the Evangel. He lives so far from the Church of God he can't be in services but he has on the whole armor of God. He requests prayer for his body. He is alone, has no income. May the Lord bless him; the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

I feel His sweet presence now. Thank God for a blessing you can feel and know about. Pray for me that I will be a blessing to someone.

I thank God for the Evangel; it is worth its price.

Pray for me that I will stand true. I want more faith, more power. Glory to God. I want to be where God can use me, and remember this young brother that his body will be healed to God's glory. All things are possible with God. The devil is too late to deceive me. Holiness is too plain and sweet to reject. Praise the Lord. I am glad I can be like a tree planted by the water. Pray that I will never fail God.—Luther Connell.

DIXIANA, Ala.—Our Lord is so wonderful and good to us. Our baby stayed in the hospital with meningitis five weeks. The doctor said there were no hopes. Day after day we would look and pray for her recovery, but no change seemed to come. One night came when it seemed the death angel stood so close, ready to take her. We couldn't tell her heart was beating; it seemed she had but a few minutes left. We prayed to God in tears, believing God would come to our rescue. The nurses came in, looked on her pale little face with a hopeless look. One nurse looked in at the door. We were praying to our God who can bring all things to pass. She passed on with no hopes, but God soon came on the scene, took our darling out of the jaws of death and she is at home now. Oh, praise God for His healing power! The doctor thought she would be affected some way, but praise God she is normal in every way. We haven't found anything wrong with her. I can never tell of His healing power

enough. He has healed so many times in our home. We thank everyone for his prayers, also for the anointed handkerchiefs.—Brother and Sister R. L. Brasher.

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—I praise the Lord for healing my little boy this winter. He was in a serious condition. He would swell, his face, hands, feet and all over his body; sometimes he didn't look like a human. People who saw him said they had never seen anything like it. He missed over a month of school. We didn't know what was wrong; we had him prayed for at the church, my mother had him prayed for in Cleveland, Tenn. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify of his healing. He began to get better; I failed to send in my testimony, kept putting it off. He hadn't swollen in a good while, then one morning he began swelling. I remembered my promise to the Lord, so I told the Lord if He would heal him completely I would testify of it. He has been better the last few days and I believe God is going to make him sound and well. A few days ago I broke out all over my body. For two days and nights I didn't know what it was. Some said it was poison ivy, some said it looked like the red measles, but I knew God could heal me. I prayed and God heard and answered. I was healed. Praise His name, He is so wonderful to me! I could never praise Him enough. Pray for us and the church here at Johnston City, we need your prayers.—Mrs. James H. Clark, 1403 Noah St.

## **Baby Healed of Asthma**

DEAR saints of God, I praise my blessed Savior for the way He has been blessing in my home. Glory to God! I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire, which I enjoy daily and it never grows old.

I praise the Lord for healing my baby. He had asthma all his life and got worse. He was sick all the time, never knew what a well day was. He had asthma until he would choke and could hardly get his breath. We paid out doctor bills and did everything we knew to do at the same time. My husband was backslidden. I would call for prayer and he would get better for a few days, then get sick again. He was so poor. Oh, it was pitiful. In January, I believe, I sent a request to the Evangel for prayer. In about two weeks I received an anointed cloth, several letters and one card. The baby told me he wanted us to lay the letter on

him and pray and he would pray and he believed God would heal him. We did, and oh, how God did bless. The doctor came and the baby was clear of fever and the asthma was gone. Oh, glory! How I do praise the Lord. The doctor said the fever would come back and would go very high and for us to get an ice cap and put on his head, but praise God, God had healed him before the doctor got here. He weighed forty pounds and soon went to forty-six. You can ask him what healed him and he says God healed him.

Oh, I just can't ever praise God enough! it is so wonderful to live for Jesus.

I praise the Lord, too, because my husband has come back to God. He has the Holy Ghost. Saints, I just can't express what God means to me and I couldn't ever tell half of His blessings. I want to stand true to Jesus and always be found doing His will. I am looking for the soon coming of Jesus and I want to be found in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Gertie Carroll, Jena, La.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am happy to testify for the glory of God that others might be encouraged to press on in Him. My little boy, five years of age, was taken ill. He had a terrible fever and his jaw on one side was twice its normal size. Then he complained of terrible suffering in the top of his head.

My husband and I prayed for three days but he seemed to get worse. Sunday after he went to bed he was delirious. I held him up to God. We felt if God did not come we were at God's mercy. He heard our fervent prayers and touched our boy. He is healed. Glory to God.

I mean to press through with Jesus for He is able to keep me in all things.

Please pray that our home may remain faithful to the end. Also pray for my body. I know God is able. I praise Him for all He means to me and my loved ones. — Sister Catherine Green, 1823 Whitmore Ave.

BOGALUSA, La.—I thank the Lord for His healing power. I praise Him for healing my baby. He took suddenly ill with a high fever and something like pneumonia. We went to prayer and God came on the scene and healed him. I thank God for being our physician, He is a present help in time of need.

Pray for me and my family that we will be humble.—Mrs. C. E. Swenson.

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala.—I thank and praise God for old time salvation and what He means to me. I thank Him for His healing power and for the determination to go all the way.

I thank every one who prayed for me and sent me letters, handkerchiefs and

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### My Vision Fulfilled

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have converts waiting for their time out and God is blessing. We visit these places every week. Many boys and girls get converted. A young girl, who once had the baptism of the Holy Ghost but backslid and went deep in sin, has been lying for some time in a prison hospital with a bad disease. She called for someone to come and pray for her. When Sister Smith and another worker called on her she was wonderfully saved. If I had any room for any of the letters from these places, it would stir you just to read them.

### STATE PENITENTIARY

We visit this place the fourth Sunday in every month, which is at Raiford, Fla. The most serious part of this trip each month is the death house, those who are waiting for the electric chair. This past Sunday, July 29, at 8:30 A. M., a young man went out to meet God. He had never known his mother or father. To know the background of his life would almost make you tremble. I have no space to tell it. He paid the penalty for luring two school girls off in Miami, Fla., and killing one. When they placed him in the death house, we put a small motto, "God Is Love," in his cell. He had only thirteen steps to make to the chair.

Our prayers with him, we hope, were the result of his last words in the chair. This is what they were: "I want the girls that I killed, mother and father to forgive me, and my blessed God to forgive me." I received the little motto back this morning by mail, from the prison.

We have letters from these places, we will send in a few along. If I had space to tell you we could tell you of two years' working in the penitentiary.

### HOME FOR FALLEN GIRLS

Girls who have a taste for sin are finally paid off with sorrow and shame. If every girl could have sat and heard a young girl twenty years old tell her story to me and another brother a short time ago, every girl with good raising would look to the God of all grace for grace to help in the time of need. Father and mother had turned her out and she had no one to help her and did not know where to go. We placed her in a home for girls. She is now out trying to make a go of life.

Sister Smith, our personal leader, has lately taken young girls into this home (as she has services there once a week) just to let them see what sin does and where it leads you to.

No girl that enters the home wants the child when she enters. Of course that must be settled before she enters, and she must stay thirty days after the birth of the child, then heartstrings are almost pulled out, when she is forced to leave

the home and tell the little one good-bye, the real mother leaving it, never to see it again.

Possibly any girl near by Jacksonville can make an appointment with Sister Smith to go to some service. Let her take you through one time, that will be enough for any girl. I am making arrangements for a young girl to enter that home now. This evil is sweeping the country. Let us pray as we have never prayed before. This is just a touch on this.

### OLD AGE HOME

We have services here once a week, also some that have the Holy Ghost attend our services each week. To hear some of these testimonies, knowing that they don't have any thing to live for but God makes us do what we can to make them happy. None in this home are under seventy years old. What a beautiful congregation!

### OPEN DOORS FOR PRAYER

In any home that will open the door for prayer, through the day or night, we have some there.

### TO THOSE IN NEED

There are groups that make up money to cloth and get food for those that are in need. Of course this takes lots of work, and is in the hands of a committee to make an investigation.

This is just a little touch on what our workers are doing here. Remember us in prayer.—J. T. Roberts, pastor.

### Leaves From the Fig Tree

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seems a dark, dreary place today. However, looking through the telescope of the mighty men of old, we can, by faith, envision the day when antichrist will be forever destroyed and when the knowledge of the glory of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

### Our Savior

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But give me, Lord, this old time religion, for the Savior is the same; If we live to suit our Jesus, the angel then will write our name.

—Sister Catherine Green, 1823 Whitmore Ave., Baltimore, Md.

### Question Box

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the 39th verse are not subject to resurrection. The celestial bodies, sun, moon, and stars, need no resurrection. These are only given to show man's position, that his body is subject to decay and corruption but that through the resurrection of the dead, made possible by Christ, the corruptible body may put on incorruption. It is the opinion of your Editor that the entire chapter is written not to prove different orders of the resurrection but rather the general doctrine of the resurrection.

### Requests

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My sister to be saved and healed.—Annie Johnson, Cramerton, N. C.

My unsaved husband to be saved; me to be true; my home to be a home of prayer; the camp meeting at Lake City.—A sister, Lake City, Fla.

My soul to be saved; me to give up to the Lord.—Mrs. Mildred Merritt, Rt. 2, Wray, Ga.

My sister-in-law to be healed of an ulcer on her leg.—Lois Wilder, Greenville, S. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Rome F. Matheny, Blue Creek, W. Va.

My body to be healed of diseases of twelve years' standing. I have ulcers on my lower limbs caused by inflammation of the veins of the lower limbs and high blood pressure, also an injury to my spine from a fall. We are facing another winter without a prospect of anything, not even a place to stay. My husband is afflicted with a disease of the mind and doesn't seem to care what becomes of us. He has such an ill temper and unruly disposition. We are not able to send our child to school. She has the blessing. At present we have no food in the house. Pray that the Lord will help and provide for us somehow, also that my husband may be healed and get salvation.—Mrs. Chas. A. Cayton, Rt. 2, Washington, N. C.

Mrs. Maud Saunders to be saved and healed; a friend to be delivered of a habit and be saved; unspoken requests; me to stand true to the Lord.—Mrs. Nora Coupee, Oxford, N. C.

God to change my wicked husband and my home; God to undertake for me; God to make my home a home of prayer for I haven't long to live the condition I am in unless God heals my sick body as well as my soul.—Gertrude Dye, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

The healing of my body; me to be an overcomer.—Annie Dixon, Rt. 1, Box 96, Tickfaw, La.

My husband to come back to God.—Mrs. Henry J. Chesney, Rt. 3, Woodruff, S. C.

The healing of my body.—A. L. Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

The complete healing of my leg; me to help bring souls to Jesus before it is too late; my lost loved ones.—Helen Hester, Meadville, Miss.

God to give us a Church of God here; God to heal my husband's soul and restore his joy of salvation and make our home a home of prayer; my brother's mind to be healed and him to get salvation; my children to return to God; God to send a Holy-Ghost-filled Church of God evangelist here.—Vivian Enoch, Tiger Tail Rt., Finley, Tenn.

The healing of my little girl who has been mad dog bit.—Jessie Lee Parris, Heflin, Ala.

Brother W. J. Scruggs to be healed. A large limb fell about thirty feet on his head and it was such a blow it knocked out all his front teeth and injured his hearing. God to make a way for us to go to the Assembly.—Bessie E. Scruggs, Mississippi.

God to save and heal my cousin who has heart dropsy and asthma; God to save my daddy.—Miss Ethel Tidwell, 2806 40th Ave., N. Birmingham, Ala.

God to heal my mother of heart trouble.—Mrs. Rowena Kilmon, Newcomb, Md.

Me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and be healed, D. V. My husband to come back to God; God to undertake for me and that I can get my little girl; my loved ones to come back to God; me to stand true; a friend to be healed.—Mrs. O. B. Lindley, Crowder, Miss.

Healing of a friend who is seeking the Holy Ghost, he is in bed with some kind of bone trouble.—Mrs. R. L. Royals, Screven, Ga.

The healing of my head and body; me to get closer to the Lord; our little church; God to send someone this way to help us and that we will have a good revival.—Mrs. Lonnia A. Smith, Purvis, Miss.

My husband who was stricken down to be completely healed. The doctors cannot discover his trouble. Pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost; a Church of God to be established here. Encouraging letters will be appreciated as my husband seems to get weak sometimes.—Mrs. B. F. Stewart, Rt. 1, Dossville, Miss.

Me to grow stronger in the Lord and be an overcomer of all trials and temptations; me to be able to attend Bible School; my mother to receive the Holy Ghost.—James Williamson, Rt. 2, Hillsboro, Ga.

The healing of my body, I suffer with three ruptures; me to ever stand true.—J. R. Holt, c/o D. H. Gray, Rt. 1, Baxley, Ga.

A sister in Christ who has a very hard time; the Lord to undertake for her; her husband to be saved. — Mrs. Georgia Smith, 174 Savannah St., S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

The Lord to provide my son with a job. He is so discouraged he thinks of self-destruction; God to heal the inside of my nose, head and throat which is being eaten out. I now have hemorrhages.—Mrs. A. E. Miller, 1032 Bostwick St., Alma, Mich.

#### Notes of Praise

(Continued from page 13) cloths. I had not been able to walk to church since before Christmas until the last two weeks and I have walked to

church nearly every night. Praise the Lord.

Pray for me that I will stay humble and go all the way.—Della Hasford.

CANTON, Ohio.—I praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to me. I praise Him for His healing power. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it. I praise Him because every symptom of my affliction is gone. God has been my healer for more than eight years.

Pray for me that I will always put my trust in God.—Mrs. R. H. Branen, 1435 2nd St., S. E.

DEAR saints of God, I praise the Lord for His healing power. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would tell it, and He healed me, for which I praise the Lord.

All saints please pray for me.—Grace Weathersbee.

MRS. Emmie Barnette, of Poplar Creek, Miss., praises the Lord for healing her and her baby; also for victory in her soul. She wants to do more for the Lord than she has ever done, and see people drawn to the Lord.

WATER TOWN, Fla.—I thank God that He saw fit to save my soul and give me joy unspeakable and full of glory. He healed my body after I suffered for years. Doctors could do me no lasting good; I'd get a little relief for a while but was soon back in the same condition. I praise Him today.—Mrs. Pearle McDonald.

#### Reports from the Field

DUNN, N. C.—I praise the Lord for this privilege of saying how much we appreciated Rev. J. T. Roberts, who conducted the night services during the camp meeting at Erwin which came to a close August 18.—Mamie Burlet.

OUR district pastor, Brother W. B. Webb of Catlettsburg, set the Sailor Branch church in order August 6, 1940, with six members. We thought best to do this as this building and ground belong to the Church of God. We are looking for a great work here as this church is in a good location for a country church.—John W. Hamilton, Harris, Ky.

#### Editorials

(Continued from page 4) of political uneasiness and spiritual drought, must be met. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send laborers into the harvest," is certainly an appropriate injunction for the Church at this time, for soon the midnight hour will come at which time the door shall be closed.

#### Revival

WE just closed a two weeks' revival at Sipsey Bend, Ala., with seven saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. God surely blessed in every service. The saints were all encouraged to press on.

We are now open for revivals. We want to dedicate our full time to the Lord's work.—Edd Burnham, 308 W. Gaines St., Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

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# THE 35TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

"Great oaks from little acorns grow" and so it has been with the General Assemblies of the Church of God which have grown year by year until it has reached such vast proportions that it is represented by delegates from approximately every state in the Union and many foreign countries. It will only be about three and one-half weeks now until we shall again gather in a great international conclave, but it is indeed more of a phenomena when we look back to that first convention held in 1906 in the home of J. C. Murphy in Cherokee County, North Carolina. There was none of the color and pageantry of modern conventions associated with that first Assembly, but just a little crowd of truth seekers filled with enthusiasm and spiritual foresight which carried their convention to such sublime heights and caused the Church to become so rooted that it has sprung forth in all directions, its doctrines circumnavigating the globe. This convention was held only about one-half mile from the old Shearer schoolhouse where, ten years before, a great revival had broken out. The church had been set in order in the home of W. F. Bryant. There were only twenty-one people in attendance at this convention. They were R. G. Spurling, T. N. Elrod, W. F. Bryant, Nettie Bryant, Agnes Bryant, J. C. Murphy, Malissie Murphy, John Ellison, Johnnie Brown, Andrew Freeman, Alex Hamby, R. R. Jones, Balford Crumby, Sallie

Hamby, T. Ellis, N. S. Ellis, Ella Robinson, Lucy Coleman, W. M. Coleman, M. S. Lemons, and A. J. Tomlinson.

In the picture above is shown the place where the first Assembly was held, and standing at the gate, on the left is the first pastor of the Church of God, R. G. Spurling, and to the right, W. F. Bryant in whose house the second church was organized. Marvelous and wonderful has been the growth of the Church since that time and it is only by reading the history of this great organization that one can appreciate the great battles that have

been fought and the victories that have been won all along the line. Its evangelism in the states, its orphanage work, mission work, and the general program which has brought it into national repute, has been marvelous.

The second picture on this page shows the Assembly as it convened in its 32nd Annual Assembly at Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 8-14, 1937. This Assembly was held in the Memorial Auditorium where it will again convene this year. As can be seen in the picture, the auditorium was well filled at that time, and it is expected by all who know the wonderful growth which the Church has had, that this will be the greatest Assembly we have ever had. The Entertainment Committee has been appointed and is now working hard to have all arrangements so made as to provide the greatest comfort and enjoyment for those who attend that they have ever experienced. Representatives of different Pentecostal groups are expected to visit us. Let us meet you at this great annual feast of good things from the presence of God.



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